

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ~~regulating valve~~pressure-regulating valve RG is, for example, a known bypass type regulating valve or diaphragm type regulating valve for introducing signal pressure (see Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2003-68334), which is configured such that air pressure in the downstream of the cathode electrode compressor 22 is introduced into a signal pressure chamber, whereby the high-pressure hydrogen gas from the hydrogen tank 11 is regulated (depressurized) to be lower than the tank internal pressure.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Here, as shown in Fig. 1, the pressure of the air supplied to the pressure-regulating valve RG is defined on the basis of the air pressure on the cathode electrode side, which is defined based on the drive amount of the compressor 22, that is, on the basis of control of the shutoff valves SV8 and SV9 which are equivalent to the oxidation gas pressure-regulating means of the present invention. Specifically, the pressure on the outlet side of the ~~regulating valve~~pressure-regulating valve RG is regulated by the control unit 20 driving the compressor 22 and the operation on the shutoff valves SV8 and SV9. For example, by opening the shutoff valve SV8, the pressure of the air supplied to the pressure-regulating valve RG is raised and the outlet side pressure of the regulating valve RG is raised, and by opening the shutoff valve SV9, the pressure of the air supplied to the pressure-regulating valve RG is reduced and the outlet pressure of the ~~regulating valve~~pressure-regulating valve RG is reduced. The fuel cell inlet shutoff valve SV2 is closed on the basis of the control signal of the control unit 20, when the power generation of the fuel cell is closed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It should be noted that the present invention is not limited to the configurations of the above embodiments, but can be modified in various ways and applied within the scope of the present invention. For example, the embodiments describe the example in which the hydrogen pump 13 is provided in the circulation route R and the hydrogen off-gas is circulated in the hydrogen gas supply line SL by the drive of the hydrogen pump 13, but the present invention is not limited to this example. The present invention can be applied to, for example, a case in which, instead of using the hydrogen pump, a known ejector is provided in the junction of the circulation route R and the hydrogen gas supply line SL, to circulate the hydrogen gas in the hydrogen gas supply line SL by means of the action of the ejector. When employing this configuration, the ejector is provided in the upstream of the ~~regulating valve~~ pressure-regulating valve RG.